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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is the Amendment and Response of Shridhara A. Karinka et al., et al. for ELECTROCHEMICAL BIOSENSOR STRIP FOR ANALYSIS OF LIQUID SAMPLES.

Also enclosed are: Request for Extension of Time

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 21, 2004, <u>the period</u> for response to which has been extended to May 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached new drawing following page 17 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the new drawing is attached following page 17 of this paper.